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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES ON AID TO GUYANA

1. HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON AID APPRO-
PRIATION BILL CONTAINED FOLLOWING OBSERVATION ON AID TO
GUYANA. COMMENT WAS IN CONTEXT OF COMMITTEE QUOTE DIS-
PLEASURE THAT AMERICAN FOREIGN AID, BOTH MILITARY AND
ECONOMIC, IS BEING REQUESTED AND ALLOCATED FOR NATIONS
WHO CONSISTENTLY VOTE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
SUCH AS THE UNITED NATIONS AGAINST THE POSITIONS AND
INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES UNQUOTE.

2. QUOTE WE FEEL THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SHOULD CAREFULLY REASSESS THE
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BILATERAL REQUESTS FOR LOAN AND GRANT FUNDS WITH A VIEW
TOWARD REMINDING NATIONS THAT THEY CANNOT EXPECT UNLIMITED

AMERICAN GENEROSITY IN THE FACE OF IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS ON THEIR PART. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE SKEPTICAL OF AID BEING PROVIDED TO THE NATION OF GUYANA WHICH, IN ADDITION TO A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF OPPOSITION IN THE UNITED NATIONS, HAS A GOVERNMENT WHOSE STATED POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY IS MARXIST-LENINIST AND WHICH HAS PERMITTED CUBA TO USE ITS FACILITIES IN THE REINFORCEMENT OF SOVIET-BACKED ANGOLAN "LIBERATION" FORCES. UNQUOTE

3. SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, NOTABLY CONGRESSMAN STOKES OF OHIO, TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO COMMITTEE REPORT LANGUAGE, AND OPPOSED ANY LINKAGE OF AID PROGRAMS TO U.N. VOTING PATTERNS. CONGRESSWOMAN BURKE OF CALIFORNIA SAID QUOTE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE LANGUAGE IN THIS REPORT ARE THAT WE SHOULD PENALIZE LITTLE COUNTRIES LIKE GUYANA. WE SHOULD PENALIZE SOME OF THOSE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND THE IMPLICATION IS THAT WE WANT TO HURT SOME OF THOSE LITTLE PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING OUT OF COLONIES. BUT WHAT WE REALLY SAY IS THAT WE ARE ALL IN FAVOR OF GIVING TREMENDOUS MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOME PEOPLE WHO VOTE CONTRARY TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT BECAUSE THEY PERHAPS ARE BIG GUYS, AND IT IS IN OUR POLITICAL INTEREST TO AID THEM. NOT SO WITH THE LITTLE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. I WOULD URGE THAT THIS COMMITTEE THINK TWICE WHEN THEY PUT LANGUAGE LIKE THIS IN A REPORT. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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